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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation Post Office Box 94275 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Hearing Application L Zone, Reservoir A LAKE WASHINGTON FIELD Plaquemines Parish, Louis

Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana Applicant: Swift Energy Company

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, application is hereby made on behalf of **Swift Energy Company** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the L Zone, Reservoir A, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

- 1. To dissolve the unit created for the L Zone, Reservoir A by Office of Conservation Order No. 149-RRR, effective August 31, 2004, and to simultaneously create a reservoirwide unit for the L Zone, Reservoir A, in the Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all in accordance with the provisions of L.S.A.-R.S. 30:5c (Act 441 of 1960) for the exploration for and production of all hydrocarbons from the L Zone, RA SU, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, all as shown more particularly on the attached plat.
- To require that the unit be operated in accordance with a plan of unit operation proposed in accordance withe the aforesaid statute and the terms and provisions of the written unitization agreement which will be approved by a minimum of three-fourths (3/4) of the working interest owners and three-fourths (3/4 of the royalty interest owners in such unit, which agreement will be filed with the Commissioner on or before the date set for public hearing;
- 3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit and all of the leases, mineral and royalty rights and other interest of every nature whatsoever relating to or affecting such lands, including the rights and interests of any and all parties who have not heretofore executed the written unit agreement therefor on a surface acre basis of participation;
- 4. To designate Swift Energy Company as the operator of the proposed reservoirwide unit;
- 5. To provide an appropriate unit allowable which may be produced from any well or wells completed in the reservoir which, in operator's opinion, will efficiently and economically deplete the reservoir.

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- 6. To authorize and provide for the operator of the unit to produce the reservoir at a maximum efficiency rate, by initiating, as required, upon proper showing of feasibility and after obtaining the written approval of the Commissioner of Conservation and without the necessity of a public hearing, secondary recovery operations to increase the ultimate recovery of hydrocarbon minerals.
- 7. To authorize the drilling, completing or recompleting of additional wells, if deemed desirable, at optimum locations in the reservoir exempt from the spacing provisions contained in Statewide Order No. 29-E.
- 8. To provide for the reclassification of the reservoir by Supplemental Order of the Commissioner of Conservation without the necessity of public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification be submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
- 9. To extend to the proposed reservoirwide unit, all pertinent provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 149-RRR.
- 10. The applicant will recommend at the hearing the creation of a single reservoirwide unit for the L Zone, containing 51.355 acres.
- 11. To consider such other matters relating to the subject reservoir as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the public hearing.

The L Zone, Reservoir A in the Lake Washington Field, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 149-RRR, effective August 31, 2004.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for Conducting Hearings Before the Commissioner of Conservation of the State of Louisiana, the Commissioner of Conservation, the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation and all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties known to the applicant after a reasonable search were notified in writing in the pre-application notice dated April 13, 2005 that a conference to discuss the proposed application was tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 5, 2005. It was stated at that time that this conference would be held only if a request to confer were received by the undersigned within ten (10) calendar days after the date of the pre-application notice. No requests to confer were received either in writing or by telephone and, in accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the tentatively scheduled conference WILL NOT BE HELD.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the L Zone, Reservoir A, Lake Washington Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, and a list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, represented parties and interested parties to whom this notice is being sent. It is hereby certified that a reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all interested owners, represented parties and interested parties. Upon receipt of the legal notice in the captioned matter, the notice will be posted, published and mailed in accordance with Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure.

Any pertinent data relating to the proposed unit can be obtained, AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY, from Mr. Bill Robbins of W. H. Robbins & Associates, 302 La Rue France, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed herewith our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$755.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

B. J. Duplantis

BJD/ht Attachments

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson

District Manager, Office of Conservation

All Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties

